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This "Notification" policy is an insult to consumers, and irresponsibly ignores strong scientific evidence of numerous potential health and environmental risks of GE foods. These Rules appear to be a decision made to convenience industry at the expense of public health, consumer information, and the environment. When profit has become more important than the health and welfare of the people of this nation, then we truly have reached a sad day indeed.

Respectfully,

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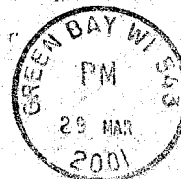
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